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SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of the population in the country with savings bank accounts in the Public Sector Banks (PSBs), bank-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for increasing the number of savings bank accounts?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Namo Narain Meena)

(a) & (b): As per census 2011, 58.7% of households reported availing banking services. As reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the details of the number of saving bank accounts in Public Sector Banks (PSBs), bank-wise and State-wise are annexed as Annexure-I & II. In order to ensure that each household has a bank account, instructions have been issued to all PSBs and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to launch campaign for opening of atleast one bank account per family. Under Financial Inclusion initiatives, banks have already opened 3.16 crore accounts by March 31, 2012.